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1. South Vietnam

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2. Bolivia

Barrientos seems to have big-mouthed himself out of a tight spot over the weekend. By tough talking and threatening to resign, he has backed down the politicians and probably the military malcontents as well. Tension has dropped, but could easily flare up again if the opposition succeeds in raking up the ashes of the Guevara diary case. More student demonstrations are another likely source of serious trouble.

3. Israel-Jordan

The Israeli attack on Sunday against terrorist bases in Jordan has made Jarring's job even harder. The incident can only harden the already fixed bargaining positions on both sides. For Jordan, prospects now are for increased terrorist activity which will bring more violent retaliation from Israel, which in turn will sour public opinion in Jordan toward any peace moves.

4. Pakistan

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5. South Korea

President Pak's shuffling of several senior military commanders on Sunday was probably rooted in his dissatisfaction with the minister of defense. A public controversy involving leaks of military information to the press provided Pak with a convenient excuse to move. The new defense minister was most recently chairman of the joint chiefs; a firm friend of the US.

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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

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Hanoi on Bombing Anniversary: Nhan Dan commemorated the fourth anniversary of the first US air attacks on North Vietnam with an editorial saying that President Johnson had finally limited the bombings because of "great setbacks" in the war. The editorial

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says the bombing was started in an attempt to "save" the US war effort from "complete failure," but argues that it has not done the job. It concludes by saying that the US is now "feverishly escalating" the war and "threatening" to end the bombing limitation.

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Liberation Front Sending Out More Representatives: Hanoi's international service announced in English on Sunday that the Liberation Front had named envoys to Albania, Bulgaria, and Rumania, and had accredited its man in Moscow to Mongolia. With these appointments, the Front has a quasi-diplomatic representative accredited to every Communist country.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

There is nothing of significance to report today.

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